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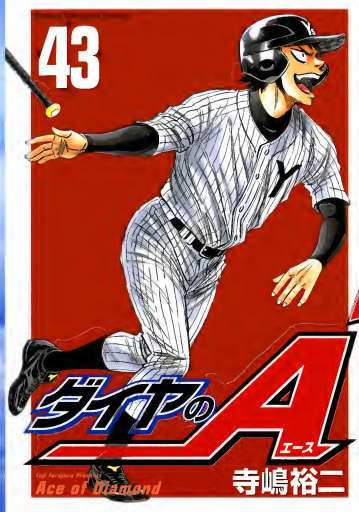

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I WANNA HAVE THIS CLASH
OVER AND OVER AGAIN!

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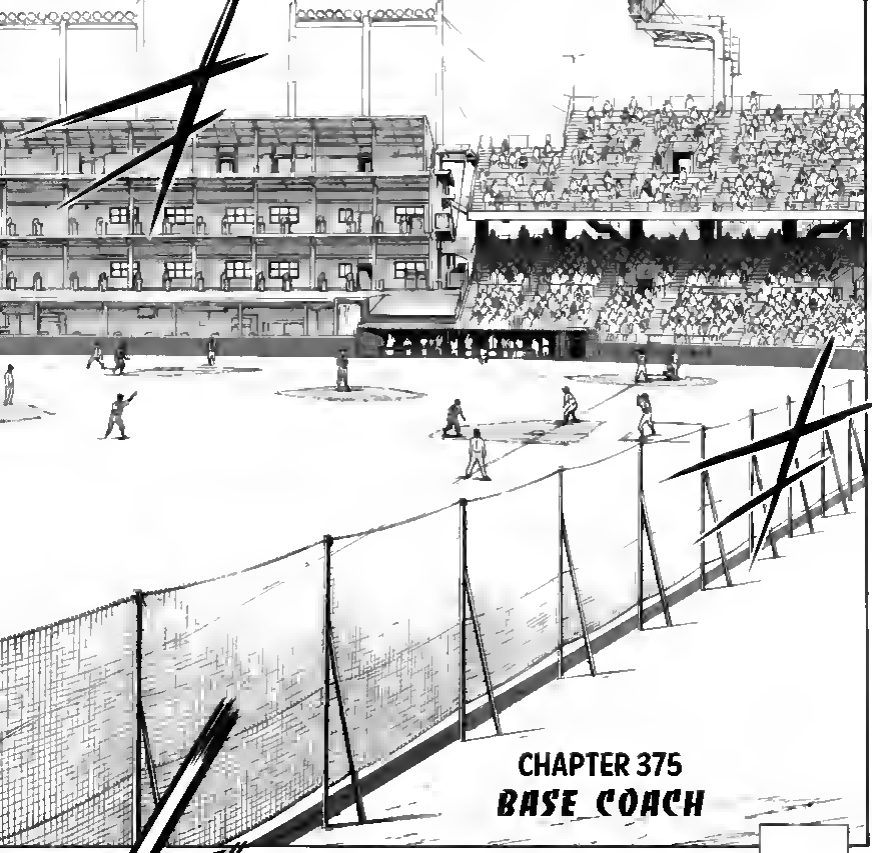

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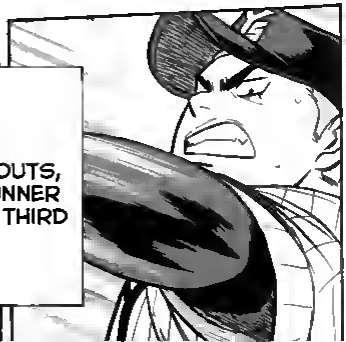


Blue marlin!!!
Black marlin...
Ooh
Ooh
KA
HA
Your cap~
THAT WAS DANGEROUS!
HE CAUGHT IT!
THE 9TH BATTER, ASOU, SENDS THE BALL FLYING TOWARDS TODOROKI BUT HE CATCHES IT.

HUH?
TODO-ROKI...
Raichi!
Way to go!
15
ALTHOUGH THEY HAD A RUNNER ON THIRD AGAIN,
SEIDOU IS STOPPED AT 1 RUN IN THIS INNING.
JUST NOW, HE JUMPED, LIKE, SUPER HIGH, DID YOU SEE?
THE ONE FROM OUR CLASS?!
FOR REAL?
KA HA HA HA
SO THIS IS TODOROKI'S TRUE COLORS?!
WOW! THIS IS SICK! REAL SICK!

BOTTOM OF THE SECOND

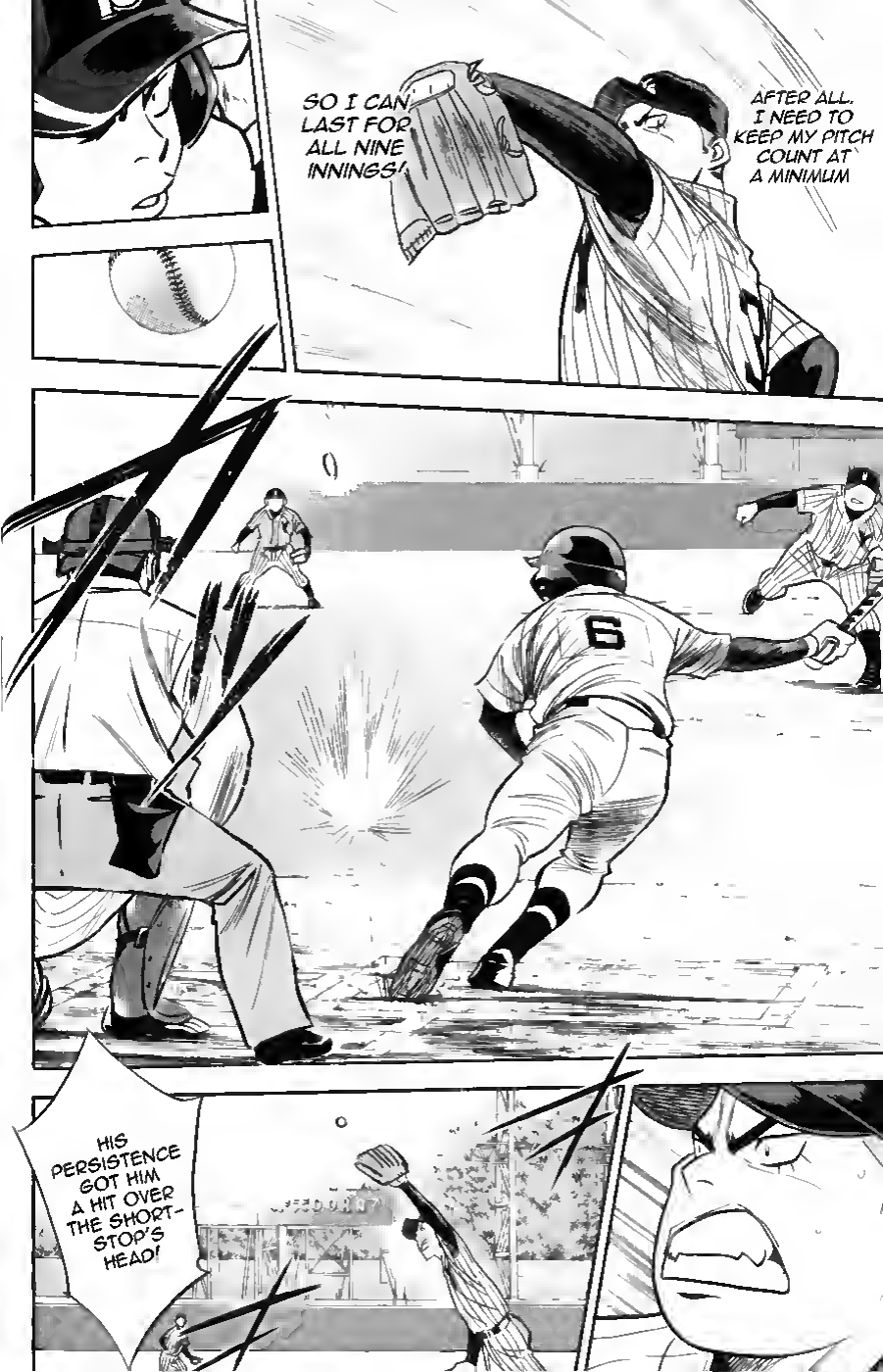
HE'S PSYCHED UP, AIN'T HE
YES, HE IS GOOD FOR HIM.
HOWEVER, IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE RESOLVE TO FIGHT HIM RIGHT FROM THE START YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WIN AGAINST HIM LATER.
THE CORE OF YAKUSHI'S BATTING LINEUP IS TODOROKI RAICHI
IF YOU AIM TO WIN, THERE MAY COME A TIME WHEN YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO AVOID FACING HIM

IN THIS MATCH, YOU MUST NOT RUN AWAY NO MATTER WHAT BATTER YOU'RE UP AGAINST.
NOW, COME AT 'EM!
CALL FORTH VICTORY WITH YOUR STRONG SPIRIT.

YOU CAN DO IT, ALL OF YOU.
10
STRUCK OUT SWINGING IN THREE PITCHES!
ALRIGHT!
BATTERS 6 7 AND 8 ARE RETIRED FLAWLESSLY IN THIS INNING!

NICE PITCH !!!
DOING GREAT, KAWA-KAMI!
I WILL, SIR!
GOOD PITCHING
THROW WITH THE SAME STRONG SPIRIT AGAINST YAKUSHI'S TOP BATTERS
ESPECIALLY TODAY, SINCE HE'S THE STARTING PITCHER, AND HIS PLAYS ARE FILLED WITH THESE EMOTIONS
SAYING "ATTACK AND WIN" TO NORI IS WHAT SETS HIM ON FIRE, AS A PITCHER..
RATHER THAN ASKING HIM TO WALK TODOROKI FROM THE START,

TOP OF THE THIRD.
A DRINK FOR YOU!
THE TOP OF THE LINEUP IS UP AGAIN
AND IS STARTING WITH THE FIRST BATTER, SHORTSTOP, KURAMOCHI.
I'M GONNA END THIS INNING IN 3 BATTERS, TOO, AND SEIZE GAME CONTROL WHILE I'M AT IT.
FU FU FU...


SO I CAN LAST FOR ALL NINE INNINGS!
AFTER ALL, I NEED TO KEEP MY PITCH COUNT AT A MINIMUM
6
HIS PERSISTENCE GOT HIM A HIT OVER THE SHORT-STOP'S HEAD!

THE LEADOFF MAN KURAMOCHI YOUICHI GETS ON BASE!
HE'S ON HIS BEST GAME, AIN'T HE!
YUP, NICE REFLEXES!
THERE GOES WEASEL-SAMA!
WEASEL-SAMA GOT ON BASE!
SO YOU ACCEPTED MY WEASEL COMPARISON
MAKE IT CHEETAH-SAMA INSTEAD!!
OH, THAT ACTUALLY GOT TO HIM.
TOKYU
COMPARING PEOPLE TO ANIMALS IS YOUR LATEST GIMMICK, HUH?
BATTING SECOND, CENTER FIELDER, TOUJOU HIDEAKI-KUN.

SO LET'S CONCENTRATE SOLELY ON THE BATTER, YUUTA...
HONESTLY, I DON'T THINK WE CAN STOP THAT RUNNER ANYWAY...
IF WE PAY TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO THE RUNNER, OUR SITUATION WILL ONLY GET WORSE.
THAT WE JUST LET HIM RUN ALL HE WANTS THEN?!
YOU'RE SUGGESTING
MISHIMA YUUTA, THE STARTING PITCHER FOR YAKUSHI
HE STRONGLY HATES LOSING, AND AS A PITCHER, HE'S NOT BAD AT ALL, BUT...
YUUTA !!!
Die!
Die a second time!

IN ORDER TO MAKE THE OPPONENTS' ACE, SANADA, WHO WILL HAVE TO THROW A SECOND GAME BACK TO BACK, STEP UP TO THE MOUND,
WE CAN'T ALLOW THIS PITCHER TO KEEP PERSEVER-ING.
STEAL !!!
TARGET AN EASY PITCH CARE-FULLY!
BOW
TOKYU

HIT AND RUN!
ALWAYS RUN PREPARING TO ROUND THE NEXT BASE!

THE RUNNER IS ALREADY THAT FAR?!
YONE!
TOO LATE FOR THIRD BASE...
CRAP ...!

20
BALL BACK HOME !!!

THE RUNNER HAS ROUNDED THIRD BASE!
YOU'RE KIDDING ME!

主月道

Cheetah-sama
from another angle

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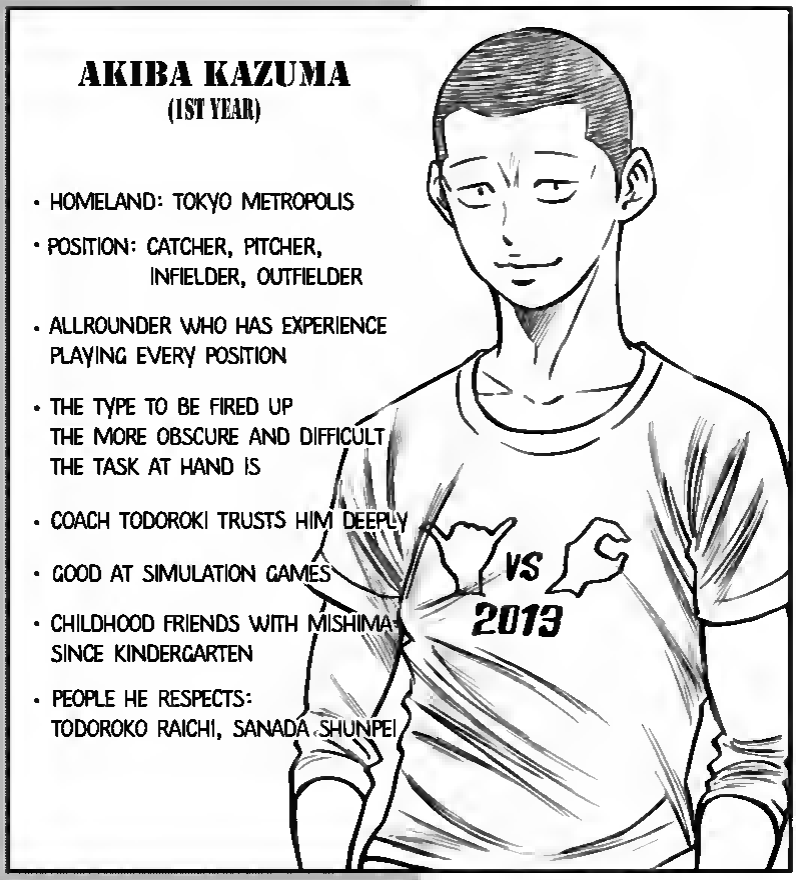
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(1ST YEAR)
• HOMELAND: TOKYO METROPOLIS
• POSITION: CATCHER, PITCHER, INFIELDER, OUTFIELDER
• ALLROUNDER WHO HAS EXPERIENCE PLAYING EVERY POSITION
• THE TYPE TO BE FIRED UP THE MORE OBSCURE AND DIFFICULT THE TASK AT HAND IS
• COACH TODOROKI TRUSTS HIM DEEPLY
• GOOD AT SIMULATION GAMES
• CHILDHOOD FRIENDS WITH MISHIMA SINCE KINDERGARTEN
• PEOPLE HE RESPECTS: TODOROKO RAICHI, SANADA SHUNPEI
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UNEXPECTED PERSONAGE

YEAH!
FROM FIRST BASE ALL THE WAY TO HOME PLATE ON A SINGLE HIT!

JUST NOW, DID HE...?
YEAH... HE SAW THE RETURN THROW FROM THE CENTER FIELDER AND THE WAY THE SHORTSTOP CUT IT OFF...
THE TWO PREVIOUS BASE COACHES
IF HE DIDN'T HAVE COMPLETE TRUST IN THEIR THIRD BASE COACH, A DASH LIKE THAT WOULDA BEEN IMPOSSIBLE
HE RAN AT HIS TOP SPEED ALL THE WAY, NEVER SLOWING DOWN, EVEN FOR A SECOND...

YAKUSHI'S DEFENSE IMPROVED GREATLY SINCE THE SUMMER.
MIMURA WAS TOTALLY WAITING FOR IT.
BUT SOMETIMES THEY STILL FAIL TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER'S INTENTIONS, LEADING TO OCCASIONAL COMMUNICATION ERRORS.
SO PLEASE RUN AT FULL SPEED BUT ALWAYS KEEP THE NEXT BASE IN MIND
BECAUSE DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION WE MIGHT WANT YOU TO ROUND MORE THAN ONE BASE AT A TIME
This is baseball, the Seidou way!--

HYAHAHA
NICE CHEETAH-ING!
THIS IS THE BASE RUNNING ME AND MIMURA WANTED TO PUT TO USE IN THIS MATCH!
AND WE DID IT! WE SHOWED 'EM UP!
I BET THEY'RE PRETTY SHAKEN RIGHT NOW!
BEFORE THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO CALM DOWN, GO AND HIT THE HELL OUTTA THEM, HARUICHI!
HE... CALLED ME BY THE NAME...
YEAH
NICE MONSTER LEGGING!
THAT WAS SOME NICE RUNNING,
KURAMOCHI YOU LITTLE BASTARD!

BATTING THIRD, SECOND BASEMAN, KOMINATO-KUN
HARU-MAN~~ JUST SWING!!!
YOU JUST NEED TO MAKE CONTACT, IT'S OK IF IT'S BY PURE LUCK!
PLEASE LEND ME YOUR GLOVE.
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU, ANIKI.
HM?

WE MAY HAVE FAILED TO MAKE THE DREAM OF STANDING TOGETHER AT KOUSHIEN TRUE.
BUT, IN A SENSE, WE CAN STILL FIGHT TOGETHER.
EEEE EEH?!
AND ANYWAY, WHY ARE YOU MAKING THAT REQUEST AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
EH?!
I REFUSE.
I DON'T WANT YOU USING MY GLOVE FOR PERVY THINGS.

DO YOU REALLY THINK IT'S SUCH A GOOD IDEA TO SWITCH OUT YOUR OWN GLOVE WITH SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT USED TO FOR TOMORROW'S BIG FINAL?
THE GLOVE YOU USUALLY USE MUST BE SHOCKED RIGHT NOW...
IT MUST BE CRYING RIGHT NOW AT HOW EASILY YOU'RE WILLING TO BETRAY IT...
I WON'T ACCEPT SUCH CHEAP SENTIMENTS.
I'VE ALREADY STARTED ON THE PATH TO A NEW GOAL: PLAYING BASEBALL IN COLLEGE
HONESTLY, WHAT DO I DO WITH YOU...
IF IT'S A LEATHER GLOVE YOU WANT SO MUCH, I'LL LET YOU HAVE THIS PAIR.
RYOU-SAN!
I ONLY WORE THEM A COUPLE OF TIMES, SO THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY UNCOMFORTABLE CREASES FORMED ON THEM YET...

ドン
TO ME, KOUSHIEN IS NOTHING BUT AN UN-ATTAINABLE DREAM.
BUT FOR YOU, IT'S NOT. YOUR DREAM IS STILL CONTINUING.
YOU'VE COME CLOSE ENOUGH TO REACH IT, RIGHT?
THEN HOLD OUT YOUR HAND...

...AND SEIZE IT.

YEAH!
IT GOES TO THE GAP BETWEEN LEFT AND CENTER!
A TWO-BASE HIT!!!

SEIDOU'S LINEUP IS UNSTOPPABLE!
ALRIGHT! MY ADVICE WORKED!
WHAT ADVICE?
AND NOW, THE 4TH BATTER COMES TO BAT, WITH NO OUTS AND RUNNERS ON SECOND AND THIRD!

OH WELL...
THIS IS AS FAR AS HE CAN GO, I GUESS...
ANOTHER BATTER TARGETING THE FORK-BALL...
Unnnhh

YAKUSHI'S BENCH MAKES THEIR MOVE EARLY ON!
GREAT! MISHIMA, DOWN FOR THE COUNT AND OFF THE MOUND!
NEXT UP SHOULD BE THEIR ACE SANADA, RIGHT?!
GOOD, THEN.
WE'RE ONLY IN THE TOP OF THE THIRD.
SEIDOU TRULY DID A GREAT JOB IF THEY WERE ABLE TO DRAW OUT SANADA THIS EARLY IN THE GAME.
EH?
チーム 一 二
青 0 1 1
薬 0 0

5
KAHA
HA
A
ANNOUNCING A POSITION CHANGE FOR YAKUSHI HIGH.
YUUTA!
.....
HUH?!

CHANGING MISHIMA-KUN, PITCHER, TODOROKI-KUN.
Fine! I'll let you have the mound for now!
He can play pitcher, too?!
AND THIS IS WHERE THEY DECIDED TO PLAY THE CARD YOU WARNED US ABOUT, NABE.

THE CHANCES ARE THEY MIGHT ACTUALLY USE TODOROKI RAICHI AS THEIR STARTING PITCHER.
THE STUFF HE HAS ARE
POWERFUL PITCHES THROWN AT A VERY FAST PACE FROM A LOW STANCE.
MOST OF THE HITS OFF OF HIM ARE FLIES, WHICH MIGHT MEAN THAT THE BALL HAS MORE SPEED AT THE PLATE THAN THE BATTER ASSUMES.
I SEE.

NOW, ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO TEST THAT THEORY DIRECTLY IN THE BATTER'S BOX...
TOKYO
TOP OF THE THIRD, NO OUTS, RUNNERS ON SECOND AND THIRD
AND IT IS TODOROKI RAICHI WHO IS STANDING ON THE MOUND, FACING THIS CRISIS.

WHAT KIND OF PITCHING WILL HE SHOW US?!
RAICHI, TRY TO THROW A STRIKE FIRST!
I'm not a man to be dragged down easily!
FIRST BASE IS EMPTY, SO FEEL FREE TO GO ALL OUT!
THIS KIND OF PITCHER SWITCH AT SUCH A CRITICAL MOMENT
ISN'T THE SITUATION TOO DANGER-OUS TO IMPLEMENT A SURPRISE ATTACK STRATEGY AT THIS POINT?
IF IT GOES WRONG...
YEAH
IF THIS PITCHER RELAY GOES WELL, THEY CAN CERTAINLY HOPE TO REGAIN CONTROL OF THE GAME BUT

青道
Ah...

RIGHT AT THE FACE ALL OF A SUDDEN?!
THAT'S A DANGEROUS PLAY, YOU LITTLE SHIT!!!

CHAPTER 377
BARRAGE

Fuh
Don't let it get to you.
Mn!
IT LOOKED LIKE THE PITCHER'S FINGERS SLIPPED
Mn!
BUT IN THIS CASE, RATHER THAN TRYING TO HIT THE PERSON,
IT'S OK TO LET HIM HIT!
FIRST, TRY TO THROW A STRIKE!
RAICHI, JUST LOOK AT THE MITT!
2
Injured.
WHAT IF OUR CAP GETS INJURED BECAUSE OF HIM?!
ARE THEY REALLY FINE WITH LETTING SUCH A LOUSY PITCHER TAKE THE MOUND?

IT FLEW CLOSE TO MY FACE, SO I OVERREACTED AND MOVED OUT OF THE WAY MORE THAN WAS NECESSARY...
BUT WHAT SURPRISED ME THE MOST WAS THE POWER THAT PITCH HAS...
THE STRENGTH OF HIS LOWER BODY THAT HARDLY DECREASES
EVEN WITH A FORWARD LUNGE THAT LOW...
AND WHAT'S WORSE...

HE'S THE EXACT TYPE OF PITCHER I SUCK AT DEALING WITH...
IT'S IMPOSSIBILE TO READ HIS PITCH SEQUENCE...
LOW, AND AWAY TOTALLY OUT OF THE BLUE...
AND THIS IS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT...

AND I BET HE'S NOT EVEN DOING IT ON PURPOSE...
THAT PRETTY BOY CATCHER SEEMS LIKE THE SMART TYPE, BUT THAT'S WHY RAICHI'S PITCHES ARE HARD FOR HIM TO READ, HEH ..
THAT WAS PRETTY FAST JUST NOW, RIGHT?
I'D SAY THAT IT'S PROBABLY MORE THAN 140KMPH FAST?
STILL, I CAN'T STRIKE OUT THAT EASILY
JUST BECAUSE I SUCK AT DEALING WITH HIS TYPE.
Fuh

I CAN'T BE CONSIDERED THE FOURTH BATTER IF I DON'T HIT HERE...
THIS IS A SECOND OPPORTUNITY
GIVEN TO ME AND CREATED THANKS TO EVERYONE'S EFFORTS
KA
HA
HA
HA
IF TETSU-SAN WERE IN MY SHOES RIGHT NOW,
HE'D DEFINITELY...

SHORT-STOP!
WHOA!
HE SHUT MIYUKI OUT BY BRUTE FORCE!!!

TWO GREAT OPPORTUNITIES KILLED IN A ROW.
THAT'S SO NOT LIKE MIYUKI.
IT MAY HURT, BUT THAT'S WHERE YOU STAND AT THE MOMENT!
SHIRASU, IT'S FAST AT THE PLATE!
TOKYO
JUST NOW, HE SIMPLY LOST IN POWER, NOT IN SKILL.
IT'S NO PIECE OF CAKE TO TACKLE THIS KIND OF PITCHER.
THE FOURTH BATTER MUST AT LEAST HIT A FLY TO THE OUTFIELD, REGARDLESS.

IN FACT, ISN'T KAZUYA IN POOR CONDITION AT THE MOMENT?
Finally decided to show up, huh...
HEY, CHECK IT OUT OVER THERE
SURE TOOK YOU FOREVER, MEI
ITSUKI KEPT GETTING SIDE-TRACKED---
MEI-SAN!!!
HE'S BEING YOUR PERSONAL LUGGAGE CARRIER AGAIN HUH?

RAICHI WE MUSTN'T THROW TO THE INSIDE WITH THIS GUY!

WHOA!
HIS PITCHES SURE HAVE POWER...

IF HE HITS A GROUNDER, I'M GOING TO RUN
THE INFIELD ARE PLAYING IN

I'LL HIT DOWN ON IT THEN!
IF I DON'T MAKE CONTACT WITH THE BALL FROM THE TOP, IT'LL END UP A FLY...
5
3
IDI--

INSIDE!

ZONO CAME OUT EMPTY-HANDED ON AN INSIDE PITCH?
ACTUALLY, THAT PITCH HAD QUITE SOME SPEED
WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW. LOOKS LIKE HE'S PROPERLY FEELING THE BALL IN HIS FINGERTIPS TODAY, HUH
IN THIS CASE, HE JUST MIGHT GIVE THE SEIDOU GUYS A HARD TIME...

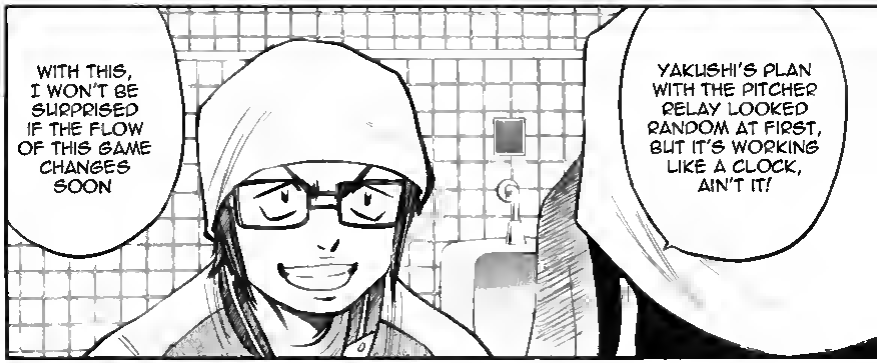
WHAT THE HELL...

HE THROWS FASTER AND FASTER WITH EACH FOLLOWING...
...PITCH--

STRIKE, BATTER OUT!
STRIKEOUT ON 3 PITCHES !!!

CHAPTER 378
AMAZING GUYS

NOT ONLY IS HE MONSTER-CLASS AT BATTING BUT ALSO AT PITCHING!
HE MANAGED TO SHUT OUT SEIDOU'S 4TH, 5TH AND 6TH BATTERS WITH JUST FASTBALLS!


YAKUSHI'S PLAN WITH THE PITCHER RELAY LOOKED RANDOM AT FIRST, BUT IT'S WORKING LIKE A CLOCK, AIN'T IT!
WITH THIS, I WON'T BE SURPRISED IF THE FLOW OF THIS GAME CHANGES SOON

一塁側入口
……

YUUKI?
IF IT ISN'T YUUKI MASASHI!
SO YOU CAME TO WATCH THE FINAL HUH.
HAVE YOU MADE UP YOUR MIND ABOUT WHAT HIGH SCHOOL YOU'RE GOING TO ENROLL TO?
THERE ARE QUITE A FEW GUYS DYING TO KNOW WHAT SCHOOL THE 4TH BATTER OF KOKUBUN SENIOR CHOSE TO ATTEND, YOU KNOW
grin

AS FOR ME, I'M TOTALLY GOING TO--
OKUMURA KOUSHUU AND SETO TAKUMA
Owa!
FROM DAIKYOU SENIOR!

AHAHAHA! I TOTALLY DIDN'T EXPECT TO RUN INTO MORE BIG NAME PLAYERS AT A PLACE LIKE THIS!
YUUKI.. SO HE CAME HERE TOO, HUH.
WHAT HIGH SCHOOL ARE YOU TWO GONNA GO TO? HAVE YOU ALREADY DECIDED OR NOT YET?
ME AND KOUSHUU ARE GONNA GO TO SEIDOU.
WHO WAS THIS GUY, AGAIN?
WHETHER OR NOT THIS WOULD BE THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT TO HELP ME GO PRO.
WHAT I WANTED TO CHECK FOR MYSELF THE MOST WAS..
WHAT ABOUT YOU, YUUKI?

I'M GOING TO SEIDOU, TOO.

AHAHA! FOR REAL?!
AND I'M TOTALLY GOING TO---

2
Yeahhh
AND IT GOES BETWEEN RIGHT AND CENTER!
THE FIRST BATTER, AKIBA, ADVANCES 2 BASES!

LOOKS LIKE TODOROKI'S SUCCESSFUL PITCHING LIT UP THE FIRE IN YAKUSHI'S LINEUP!
1 OUT, RUNNER ON SECOND.
4
I MUSTN'T HIT A FLY HERE...
GOTTA TRY TO HIT TO THE RIGHT SIDE IF NOTHING ELSE
2

UGH
2 OUTS WITH THE RUNNER ADVANCING TO THIRD.
AND THE BATTING ORDER IS NOW AT THE CLEANUPS.

C'mon, faster.
I wanna start hitting already.
I WANT TO END THIS INNING BEFORE TODOROKI'S TURN.
WE'RE GOING TO FIGHT THIS ONE FROM THE FIRST PITCH, NORI..
POINTS TAKEN FROM ME I TAKE BACK WITH MY OWN BAT THIS IS THE KIND OF MAN I AM.

THIS PITCHER...

HE DOESN'T THROW EASY-TO-HIT COURSES AT ALL!!!
BOW

A LONG HIT TO RIGHT FIELD!
BUT THAT TERRITORY IS BEING DEFENDED BY SHIRASU!
3 OUTS, CHANGE!
YAKUSHI HIGH IS LEFT WITHOUT ANY RUNS IN THIS INNING ONCE AGAIN!

NICE PITCHING!
GOIN' STRONG, NORI!
THE COURSE WAS GOOD, BUT IT WOULDN'T HURT TO THROW IT EVEN LOWER
SOMEHOW, THEY MANAGED TO SUPPRESS THAT ATTACK BEFORE TODOROKI'S TURN
NATURALLY, THEY WOULD WANT TO AFTER ALL, IT'S AN IRONCLAD RULE NOT TO PUT RUNNERS ON BASE BEFORE A SLUGGER
記者席
Here, for you!
KAWAKAMI-KUN IS DOING AN ADMIRABLE JOB BY HOLDING HIS OWN AGAINST THE YAKUSHI LINEUP

KAHAHA
HAHA!!!
チーム 二 三 四 五 六 七
青 0 1 1
葉 0 0 0
RAICHI, YOUR GLOVE!
LEAVE THE HELMET!
TOP OF THE FOURTH
1 OUT
NO RUNNERS
KAHAHA!
Out!

8TH BATTER
KAWAKAMI

NO WAY AM I LETTING HIM STRUCK ME OUT WITH JUST THAT...
HE'S THROWING ONLY FASTBALLS...
NORI-SENPAI, YOU MAKE A GREAT OPPONENT!
HE MANAGES TO KEEP UP WITH THOSE FIERCE PITCHES
PERSE-VERING, AIN'T HE.

10
SO DAMN CLOSE TO THE FACE AGAIN!
HOW IS THAT THE PITCH OF ONLY A FIRST YEAR...?
Phew
IT ALMOST HIT HIM...
YOU ALRIGHT, KAWA-KAMI?
THAT WAS REALLY DANGER-OUS!!!

AMAZING GUYS ALL AROUND...
Mr!
That was dangerous, you bastard!

CHAPTER 379
THIS SIDE
Seido

AND IT MISSES THE ZONE BY A BIG MARGIN!
WITH THIS, THE COUNT IS 2-2.
OHH...
THOSE PITCHES DO HAVE SPEED AFTER ALL
PHEW

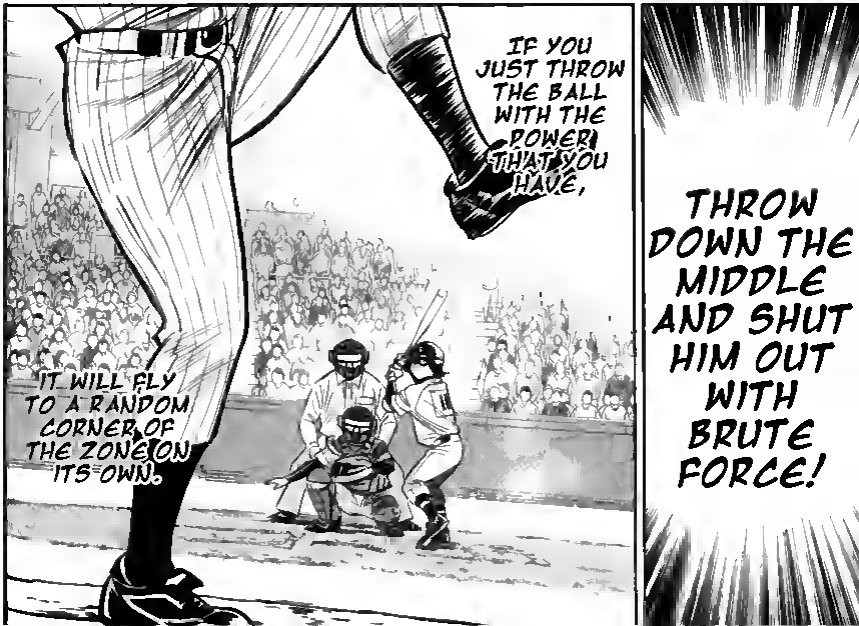
SPORTS ARE CRUEL...
AAAAHHH
BECAUSE THERE ARE WALLS THAT CANNOT BE OVERCOME WITH EFFORT ALONE...
BUT DESPITE THAT, I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO GIVE UP COMPLETELY...
AND I WAS WELL AWARE OF THE FACT FROM THE START...
I'M A HAVE-NOT, NOT BLESSED WITH WHAT IT TAKES TO GET OVER THOSE WALLS...
Run!
Run!
Come on, go!
Go as far as you can!

SO I'VE BEEN ASKING MYSELF IF THERE IS ANYTHING SOMEONE ORDINARY LIKE ME, NOT POSSESSING ANY SPECIAL TRAITS, COULD DO...?
HE'S A SIDEARMER.
Kawakami, a 2nd year
Who's he?
GOOD JOB, NORI!
WHAT BREAKING BALLS DO YOU HAVE?
YOU'RE STARTING TO LOOK GOOD
I WANTED TO CROSS OVER TO THIS SIDE...
BECAUSE JUST WATCHING WASN'T ENOUGH...

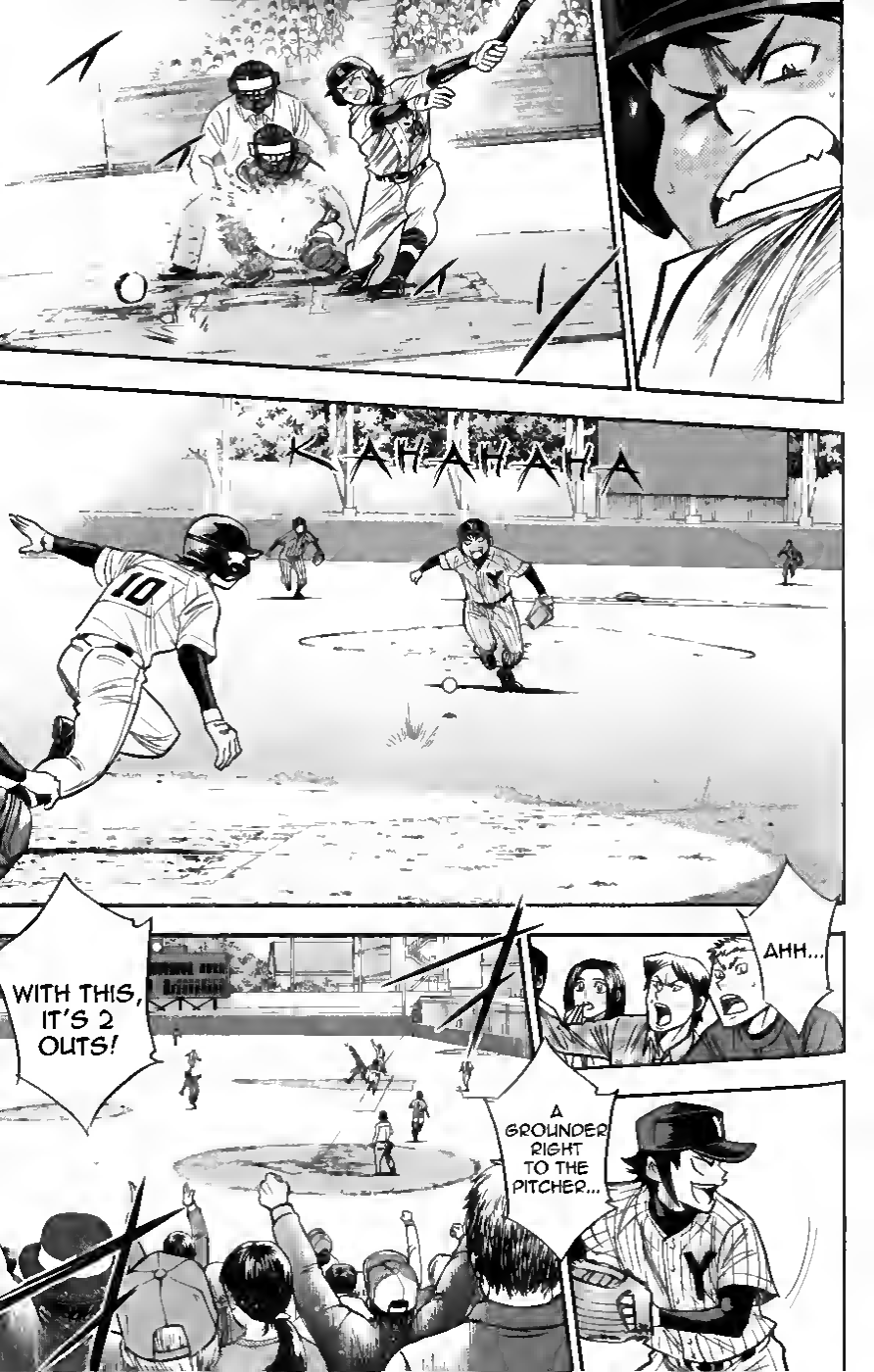
I WANTED TO FIGHT HERE, ON THIS SIDE...
NORI-SENPAI...
NORI...
NO MATTER WHERE HE'S STAND-ING-
ON THE MOUND OR IN THE BATTER'S BOX,
KA HA HA HA!

THEN LET'S JUST HAVE A CLASH!
I GET THE SAME VIBE
FROM HIM.

THINGS YOU CAN DO ARE LIMITED, RAICHI.


IF YOU JUST THROW THE BALL WITH THE POWER THAT YOU HAVE,
IT WILL FLY TO A RANDOM CORNER OF THE ZONE ON ITS OWN.
THROW DOWN THE MIDDLE AND SHUT HIM OUT WITH BRUTE FORCE!

SHARPER.
IT'S GOTTA BE SHARP.
MOVING WITH THE SPEED OF THE HEAD OF A SWINGING BAT.
JUST AS FAST.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WITH THIS, IT'S 2 OUTS!
AHH...
A GROUNDER RIGHT TO THE PITCHER...

NORI-SENPAI! DON'T MIND!
DRINK THIS AND FORGET ALL ABOUT THE BAD THAT HAPPENED!
YOU OK?
NICE PITCH, RAICHI!
FLUKES DON'T LAST, SO YOU BETTER WATCH OUT!
THAT'S YOUR RIGHT ONE! YOU SURE YOU'RE GONNA BE OK?!
THAT PITCH HAS THAT MUCH POWER, HUH?!
MY ARM WENT A BIT NUMB...
IT'S THE SAME FOR LEFT-HANDED BATTERS AS WELL
HIS PITCHES ARE REALLY TROUBLESOME, SHOOTING TO THE INSIDE AND BREAKING.
NO DIFFERENCE FOR RIGHT AND LEFT-HANDERS? HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?
!

THE BALL GOES WILD AT THE PLATE AND DIVES.
TOKYO
TOKYO
PROBABLY BECAUSE HE DOESN'T CARE ANY ABOUT GRIPS.
HIS PITCHES MAY BE EVEN MORE TROUBLESOME THAN SAWAMURA'S MOVING BECAUSE THEY HAVE SPEED.
THAT SOUNDS THE SAME AS EIJUN-KUN.
...NO.

TH-

THREE FOR THREE ...!!!
HE SHUT OUT 3 BATTERS AGAIN, JUST LIKE IN THE PREVIOUS INNING!

NICE FLUKES!
RAICHI, WHAT HAPPENED FOR YOU TO PITCH LIKE THAT?!
YOUR PITCHES ARE ESPECIALLY GOOD TODAY, EH
I TRUST THAT YOUR ARM IS ALRIGHT, KAWAKAMI?
THE LEADOFF BATTER OF THIS INNING IS TODOROKI, AND HE'LL BE EXTREMELY DRIVEN AFTER THAT PITCHING, SO BE CAREFUL
AWE-SOME~
TODOROKI'S PITCHES ARE SUPER AWESOME

NO MATTER HOW YOU SLICE IT, HE'S JUST A MAKESHIFT PITCHER READIED IN A HURRY! CRACKS ARE BOUND TO REVEAL THEMSELVES SOON ENOUGH.
THAT'S QUITE THE PITCH HE THROWS...
IT'S LIKE IT'S FORMLESS, OR MAYBE SIMPLY WILD.
BASICALLY, YOU'RE JUST FEELING PROVOKED BY HIM, EH
YES, I AM!
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I CAN'T BE SITTING AROUND!
ONO-SENPAI, PLEASE CATCH FOR ME IN THE BULLPEN!
HE SHUT OUT 3 BATTERS IN THIS INNING AGAIN
WITH THIS, THE TIDES MAY REALLY CHANGE
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I DOUBT I'D FORGET A TALL GUY LIKE HIM...
BY THE WAY, ABOUT THE GUY WHO CALLED OUT TO US...
WHO WAS HE, AGAIN?
AKAMATSU SHINJI, FROM RITSURIN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
I'M AMAZED YOU DID, KOUSHUU.
JUST HOW TALL HE'S GOTTEN?!
I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE HIM AT ALL...
AKAMATSU, YOU SAY?
AS IN THE ACE OF MINAMISAWA SENIOR?
AHAHAHA! FOR REAL...

WELL, I'M TOTALLY GOING TO INAJITSU.
WHICH MEANS WE'RE GONNA BE RIVALS IN THE SAME DISTRICT.
TADANO-SENPAI.
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO FIGHTING IT OUT WITH SEIDOU!

I SURE DID. BECAUSE OF THE GROWING PAINS I DIDN'T HAVE MANY CHANCES TO PITCH THIS YEAR.
YOU GOT TALLER AGAIN, HUH, SHINJI!
NO, NO NEED. IT'S MY PUNISH-MENT ANYWAY.
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO HELP YOU OUT WITH THEM?
YOU'RE HOLDING QUITE A LOT OF BAGS.
SAME HERE.
I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO PLAYING BASEBALL WITH YOU AGAIN, TADANO-SENPAI!
I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO PLAY TOGETHER WITH THE PITCHER I RESPECT SO MUCH.
NARUMIYA-SAN,
I WATCHED THE GAMES OF THIS SUMMER'S KOUSHIEN.

A WELL-MANNERED BOY, AREN'T YOU.
YOUR NAME?
AKAMATSU. AKAMATSU SHINJI.
THANK YOU!
YOU GOTTA THROW LOWER.
YOU KNOW HE WON'T BE SO FORGIVING AS TO LET ANY HIGH PITCH PASS
AND LEADING IT OFF IS THE 4TH BATTER, TODOROKI.
BOTTOM OF THE 4TH, YAKUSHI HIGH IS STARTING THEIR ATTACK,

HE HAS ALREADY SHOWN US HIS RAW TALENT IN PITCHING.
KA HA HA HA
WILL WE SEE HIM TEAR THE HOUSE DOWN WITH HIS MAIN FORTE, BATTING, AS WELL?
WE'RE GOING TO ATTACK, NORI
THERE ARE NO RUNNERS, SO WE CAN FIGHT HIM HERE.

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TIME AND TIME AGAIN

ABOUT TIME WE GET A RUN, RAICHI...
No, no, it's Nori-senpai's turn now!
HIT HIM, RAICHI!!!
QUITE SOME CHEERING HE RECEIVES, HUH...
HIT AN AWE-SOME ONE!!!
HE'S FAST BECOMING THE CENTER OF THIS GAME...
TODO-ROK!~~
WE CAN GO ON BOLD OFFENSE, BUT...
NO RUNNERS TO WORRY ABOUT...
I CAN ONLY GUESS AS TO HOW MUCH, IF AT ALL, HE'S WARY THE SINKER BY NOW...

BUT FIRST, THE FIRST PITCH.
TOKYO
A TIGHT INSIDE ONE--

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CLOSE! EAGER TO FIGHT, AIN'T HE!
A BIT CLOSER WOULD HAVE BEEN GOOD
HE PAID HIM BACK FOR EARLIER!
KA
HA
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Whh, this, we're all square!
Fm... ends...?

DID HIS FINGERS SLIP?
YOU'RE GETTING TOO TENSE, NORI.
ANOTHER SLIDER TO THE INSIDE.
LOWER THAN THE ONE HE HIT LAST TIME...

LIKE A SQUIRREL!
WITH POWER...
...AND PRECISION.
A CONTROL ERROR CAN EASILY PROVE FATAL AGAINST THIS BATTER.

BALL TWO!
HE'S STRAINING TOO MUCH!
EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE NO RUNNERS
HE'S BEING REALLY CARE-FULL
HE'S TOO FOCUSED ON THE BATTER HIMSELF
ACTUALLY HE'S FREAKING OUT TOO MUCH
THIS IS THE LEADOFF WE'RE UP AGAINST. WE CAN'T GIVE HIM AN EASY WALK.
EXCEPT WITH THIS BATTER, IT'S DIFFERENT.

YOU CAN MISS THE ZONE, BUT GIVE ME A POWERFUL PITCH--!
WALKING HIM AS A RESULT OF OUR ATTACK IS ACCEPTABLE.
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LOW AND AWAY!
STRIKE!
PITCH TO CON-TACT!
GOOD JOB, NORI!
NICE PITCH!
HIS ARM IS SWINGING FINE...
THEN--
Fwh
ALRIGHT!

I'M GETTING LEFT BEHIND BY THOSE TWO.
IT FEELS FRUSTRATING... AND TASTES BITTER.
I'M THINKING TO UNSEAL THE SINKER
EVERYONE WITNESSED YOUR DETERMINATION AND SPIRIT.
GO, NORI!
SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!
ATTACK!

SO COME ON!
SAME COURSE AS THE PREVIOUS SLIDER...

...ONLY NOW, A SINKER!
KA HA HA HA
THIS IS WHAT A FIGHT IS.
A CLASH OF...
...EMO-TIONS.

TIME...
...AND TIME...
...AND TIME AGAIN...

I WANNA HAVE THIS CLASH OVER AND OVER AGAIN!

UGH...
楽天
NO WAY!

I-IT'S OUT OF THE PARK !!!

THE BALL HAS BEEN DRIVEN INTO THE LEFT FIELD STANDS!
KA HA HA HA HA
A SOLO HOMERUN FOR THE 4TH BATTER, TODOROKI!!!
NORI-SENPAI...
NORI... YOU...
FORGET THE COURSE, HE EVEN MESSED UP THE PITCH'S HEIGHT...

CHAPTER 381
AFTERMATH

A HOMERUN BY NONE OTHER THAN THEIR 4TH BATTER
BRINGS YAKUSHI HIGH THE LONG AWAITED FIRST RUN!
KA HA HA
RAICHI, YOU LITTLE BASTARD!
THIS MAKES IT YOUR WHAT NUMBER HOMER?
A LINER TO LEFT.
SO THIS IS TODOROKI-KUN'S RUMORED--
DON'T EXAGGERATE.
TODOROKI IS AWESOME~~!
WHEN HE'S ON THE BASEBALL FIELD, TODOROKI BECOMES SUPER-AWESOME~!
THIS ONE WAS A CLEAR MISTHROW BY THE PITCHER.

I HAVE TO ADMIT I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING QUITE LIKE THIS, EVEN AT KOUSHIEN
KA HA HA HA
BUT STILL, HITTING A BALL WITH SUCH POWER TO LEFT - THE DIRECTION HE SHOULDN'T BE GOOD AT ...
BATTING 5TH, FIRST BASEMAN, SANADA-KUN.
I'D SURE WANNA FINISH IT IN ONE GO.

DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE TOOK MUCH DAMAGE FROM GETTING HIT...
KU KU KU
WHAT GOT HIT WAS MOST LIKELY A SINKER, ALTHOUGH IT DIDN'T BREAK MUCH...
I WONDER... ARE YOU GUTSY ENOUGH TO THROW IT AGAIN?

HE WENT AND HIT YOUR SLIDER IN HIS PREVIOUS AT-BAT,
SO NOW WE'LL CHECK HIS REACTION WITH AN OUTSIDE PITCH FIRST
NO WAY I'LL HIT A DIFFICULT PITCH...
...SO I'LL JUST HIT...

...THE HELL OUT OF EASY ONES!
THE VERY FIRST PITCH IS HIT!!!
SO HIGH AGAIN..

NO OUTS, RUNNER ON FIRST.
YAKUSHI HIGH HAS A CHANCE TO TAKE A FEW RUNS AT ONCE IN THIS INNING.
AH! ALMOST! YOU DON'T NORMALLY CATCH BALLS LIKE THAT, DAMMIT!
IF ONLY THAT DEFENDER DIDN'T INTERFER, THIS COULD'VE BEEN A LONG ONE!
WELL DAMN!
JUST HOW DEEP IS THE ROUTINE DRILLED INTO THEIR BONES?!
BATTING 6TH, RIGHT FIELDER, HIRAHATA-KUN.
ARE THEY GONNA BE BUNTING NOW?
THEY DON'T BUNT NOT THIS TEAM.
NO WAY IN HELL ARE WE GONN' BE GENEROUS ENOUGH TO PRESENT YOU WITH JUST EVEN 1 EASY OUT.
WE'VE FINALLY CAUGHT THE TIDE.

THE RUNNER'S LEAD ISN'T HUGE.
WE'LL JUST FOCUS ON THE BATTER THEN, NORI.
BALL.

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I HOPED HE'D SWING WITH THAT ONE
WAY TO SEE THE BALL!
YEAH! GOOD CHOICE!
SECOND PITCH.
BALL.

Fwh
TOKYO
AHH~
HE THREW A BALL AGAIN...
WHAT IS UP WITH KAWAKAMI-KUN ALL OF A SUDDEN?
IN THE PREVIOUS INNINGS HE CLEARLY PRIORITIZED PITCHING STRIKES OVER BALLS.
DON'T TELL ME, HE'S...

2 BALLS.
I CAN'T SWING AT BALLS, EVEN IF THEY'RE CLOSE TO THE ZONE.
AND IF HE THROWS A WEAK PITCH, I GOTTA HIT!
BALL.
AHH... THIS MAKES IT 3 BALLS
WHAT'S WITH YOU, KAWAKAMI!
THE PITCHER CAN'T THROW A STRIKE.

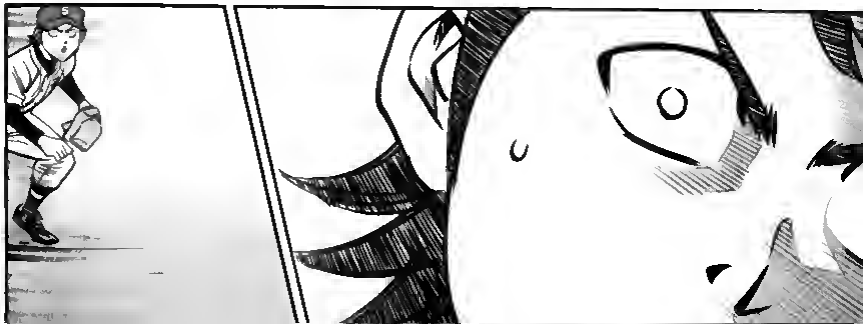
CREATING THE RIGHT GAME SITUATIONS IS YOUR JOB, AND IT'S LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE WELL AWARE OF IT, EH, CAPTAIN.
HAHAHA... WAY TO CONCENTRATE ON THE BALL
IT'S ALRIGHT.
YOUR PITCHES STILL HAVE SPEED, NORI.

STRIKE!
THEY'RE STILL COMPOSED ENOUGH TO THROW A BREAKING BALL IN THIS SITUATION
NICE THROW, NORI!
YOUR PITCHING IS GOOD!
GO AT IT WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT!
That was good, Nori-senpai!
HYAHAHA! NOW THIS FEELS MORE LIKE IT.
PITCH TO CONTACT!

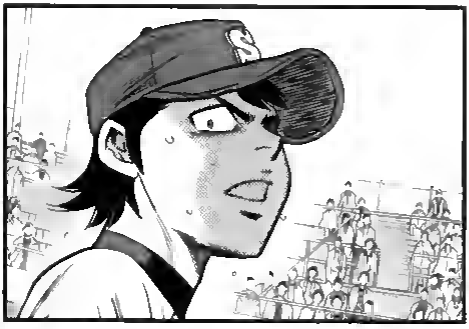
WE'RE RIGHT BEHIND YOU--
SHU SHU SHU!
LET'S ATTACK, NORI!
WE'RE STILL IN THE 4TH INNING.
FURUYA CAN ONLY PITCH FOR 1 INNING.

I CAN'T AFFORD TO BREAK DOWN HERE.
THE COACH DIDN'T GIVE ME THE SIGN TO BUNT...
WHICH MEANS HE BELIEVES IN ME.

I WANT TO MEET HIS EXPECTA-TIONS!



WE JUST MIGHT PULL OFF A DOUBLE PLAY.
IF WE CAN CATCH IT,



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CHAPTER 382

SAD ONE-SIDED RIVALRY

HARU-
ICHI---
IT'S
COMING--
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WOW!
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WITH
HIS
BARE
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For real?
パァン
Ys

WHOA!!! DOUBLE PLAY!!!
WHAT WAS THAT, JUST NOW?!
A BARE-HANDED CATCH FOLLOWED BY A BEHIND-THE-BACK TOSS?!
AND THE SECOND BASEMAN REACTED AS IF IT WAS NOTHING UNUSUAL TO HIM!!!

THAT KEYSTONE COMBO IS AWESOME!
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HA HA HA!
THEY MAKE A GOOD COMBO, HUH!
HOW SAUCY.
My first time seeing it~
Wow!~
Whoa! What was that play?!
Who're you even gonna toss it from third?
Kaiba wins!
It flew like this, and then it toss like this!
Hm hm hm!
WOW!

SHU OUTS !!!
TWO OUTS!
IT'S TWO OUTS NOW, NORI!

FOR THE NEW TEAM, IT'S A REAL LIFESAVER THAT THE DEFENDING ABILITY OF OUR KEYSTONE COMBO DIDN'T DIMINISH...
AS USUAL, PULLING OFF THESE FANCY PLAYS, EH...

SO LET'S PITCH TO CONTACT, NORI.
NORI ~~!
THESE RELIABLE GUYS HAVE OUR BACK.
LET'S DO THIS !!!
2 OUTS! IT'S 2 OUTS ~~~!

TOKYO
TOKYO

BALL
FOUR!

NORI...
YOU...
TUK
WE ALREADY GOT 2 OUTS!
KAWAKAMI...
JUST LET HIM HIT!
AND AFTER THE DEFENSE WENT THROUGH TROUBLE TO PRESENT HIM WITH 2 OUTS, TOO...
WHAT IS THAT PITCHER DOING? THIS IS THE BOTTOM OF YAKUSHI'S LINEUP, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD

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DEAD BALL!!!
IT'S A D-
Oops
KAWA-KAMI-KUN...

A WALK ON 4 BALLS FOLLOWED BY A DEAD BALL AFTER 2 OUTS!
ALRIGHT!
KAWAKAMI'S PITCH CONTROL IS HOPELESSLY FAILING HIM IN THIS INNING!

KANEMARU, GO CALL SAWAMURA.
U-UNDER-STOOD, SIR.
TOKYO
YOU'VE LOST ALL THE MINUTE SENSATIONS IN YOUR FINGERS, NO?
YOU AIN'T GETTING OFF WITH ONLY LIGHT NUMBNESS AFTER THAT.
THIS IS HAPPENING 'CAUSE YOU WENT AND HIT RAICHI'S PITCH CLOSE TO THE HANDLE OF THE BAT.

PERFORM THE REQUIEM FOR HIM, MORIYAMA.
2 OUTS.
THEY WANT A STRIKE NOW.
BE CAREFUL WITH THE FIRST PITCH!
STAND FIRM, NORI.
WE'VE GOT 2 OUTS.
IF YOU MANAGE TO PULL THROUGH THIS INNING, THE SENSATIONS IN YOUR FINGERS MIGHT RETURN SOON.
WHY...

I CAN'T AFFORD TO MAKE OUR SITUATION ANY WORSE.

WHEN I'M FINALLY THE STARTER...
FOUR BALLS
WHY DID IT HAVE TO HAPPEN IN THIS CRUCIAL GAME...

WHY...
IT'S ALRIGHT. I CAN STOP THEM HERE.
GOTTA ENDURE.
DAMN...

I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO GET OFF THE MOUND ……!
I STILL CAN PITCH.

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YAKUSHI'S BATTING LINEUP HAVE FINALLY FOUND A WAY TO HIT OFF KAWAKAMI!!!
THE SECOND-BASE RUNNER COMES HOME, TYING THE GAME!!!
NORI-SENPAI.
NORI...
THE RUNNERS HE PUT ON BASE BECAUSE OF THE WALK AND DEAD BALL...
HE'S DONE THE WORST THING IN THE PITCHER'S BOOK NOW

WE HAVE A NOTICE FOR A PLAYER SUBSTITUTION FOR SEIDOU HIGH.
REPLACING KAWAKAMI-KUN
AS A PITCHER AND THE 8TH BATTER IN THE LINEUP IS...

Eijun is up!
8TH BATTER, AND PITCHER, SAWAMURA-KUN.
SAWAMURA-KUN.
青道
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CHAPTER 383
CHARGED

青道
TOKYO
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
HEY... NORI...

I'M CHARG-ING IT.
青道
TOKYO
DO YOUR BEST, SAWA-MURA.
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TOKYO
TOKYO
3

NORI!
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YOU PITCHED WELL!

SFX: CLAP CLAP CLAP
KAWA-KAMI~!
パチパチ
パチパチ
パチパチ
DON'T LET IT GET TO YOU!

NO PITCHER WOULD END UP GIVING WALKS ON 4 BALLS BECAUSE HE WANTED TO.
CARELESSLY ALLOWING MULTIPLE RUNNERS... NO WONDER THEIR COACH HAS HAD IT WITH HIM...
NO, IT'S JUST... THAT'S UNEXPECTEDLY HUMAN COMING FROM YOU!
WHAT!
.....
I COULD STILL DO MORE...
I WASN'T FINISHED YET...
I COULD STILL PITCH...
YOU SHOWED YOUR SPIRIT IN EVERY ONE OF YOUR PLAYS, KAWAKAMI.

ALTHOUGH I DID PLAN ON HAVING YOU THROW FOR A LITTLE LONGER...

Wai.. coach
AND I APOLOGIZE FOR FAILING YOU, SIR!
I AM AWARE, SIR!

SOMETIMES, IT'S EASIER TO HEAR SUCH WORDS SAID TO YOU OPENLY...
BUT IT'S HARD WHEN YOU'RE GETTING PRAISED TO THE SKY AFTER MAKING MISTAKES LIKE MINE...
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THAT'S PRETTY HARSH, IF YOU ASK ME ...
BUT STILL... IT WON'T GO AWAY...
THIS BITTER-NESS...
10

...JUST WON'T GO AWAY.

LAST ONE!
NOT FURUYA, HUH.
SAWA-MURA...
JUST THAT SOUTHPAW WE BEAT THE HELL OUT OF DURING THE PRACTICE GAME IN THE SUMMER

I will!
Be careful with the first pitch
THEY'RE SURE TAKING IT AWFULLY EASY AGAINST US, AIN'T THEY...
FURUYA'S NOT EVEN IN THE BULLPEN.
I ain't scared!
And I'm totally on my best game!
Scared at being up so suddenly?
LET'S KNOCK DOWN THAT STAND-IN AND DRAG THEIR ACE OUT EARLY ON.
KANEDA, LET'S GO.
RIGHT!

YOU'RE STILL ONLY ALLOWED TO LIGHTLY WARM UP
UNDER-STOOD
ALTHOUGH THEY TOOK 2 OUTS, THEY STILL HAVE RUNNERS ON 1ST AND 3RD.
NOT TO MENTION IT'S BACK TO THE TOP OF THE LINEUP AGAIN.

THIS IS WHERE THEY'VE GOT TO HOLD THEM DOWN!
Just don't botch it up...
Awww Eijun~
THE FIRST PITCH WILL BE MOST IMPOR-TANT
BATTING FIRST, CATCHER, AKIBA-KUN.
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THIS BATTER WILL START SWINGING FROM THE FIRST PITCH.
YOU DON'T NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE RUNNERS.
Go, Akiba!
NO MATTER HOW BRASH A PITCHER YOU MIGHT BE, NO WAY YOU'D EVER FORGET...
...THE BEATING WE GAVE YOU...

WE'RE STILL IN THE EARLY INNINGS, SO NO NEED TO RUSH...
EIJUN...
EIJUN-KUN...
WITH FURUYA'S PITCHING LIMITATION...
AND SAWAMURA'S BAD CHEMISTRY WITH YAKUSHI...
STILL 5 INNINGS TO GO...
WE CANNOT LET HIM HANDLE A CRUCIAL MATCH LIKE THAT NOW CAN WE?!
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT FOR SAWAMURA YAKUSHI IS THE WORST MATCHUP POSSIBLE
I ADMIT THAT THE SAWAMURA FROM THE SUMMER CANNOT HOLD A CANDLE TO THE CURRENT SAWAMURA, BUT
IF THEY QUICKLY FIGURE OUT HOW TO HANDLE SAWAMURA,
WHAT WILL BECOME OF THIS MATCH...

WE GOT 2 OUTS ALREADY, SO GO ALL OUT!
Hya ha ha
IT'S OK TO PITCH TO CONTACT AND SEND THE BALLS FLYING TO US!
FOCUS ON THE BATTER, SAWA-MURA!
ATTACK!
GLANCE
SAWA-MURA~~
I UNDERSTAND VERY WELL HOW IT FEELS TO BE TAKEN OFF THE MOUND AGAINST YOUR WILL.
AND HOW EVERYBODY ON THE TEAM PUTS THEIR FEELINGS AT STAKE WITH THIS MATCH.
...AND NORI-SENPAI'S BITTERNESS...

AND I WILL CHARGE THIS PITCH WITH ALL OF IT!

I WON'T LET YOU CREATE MOMENTUM FOR YOUR TEAM...

...MAKE THE MEMORIES OF YOUR BREAKDOWN REVIVE IN Y--
I'LL HIT IT RIGHT AWAY AND...

A LOW INSIDE PITCH!
STRIKE!!!
KAHAHA
...!
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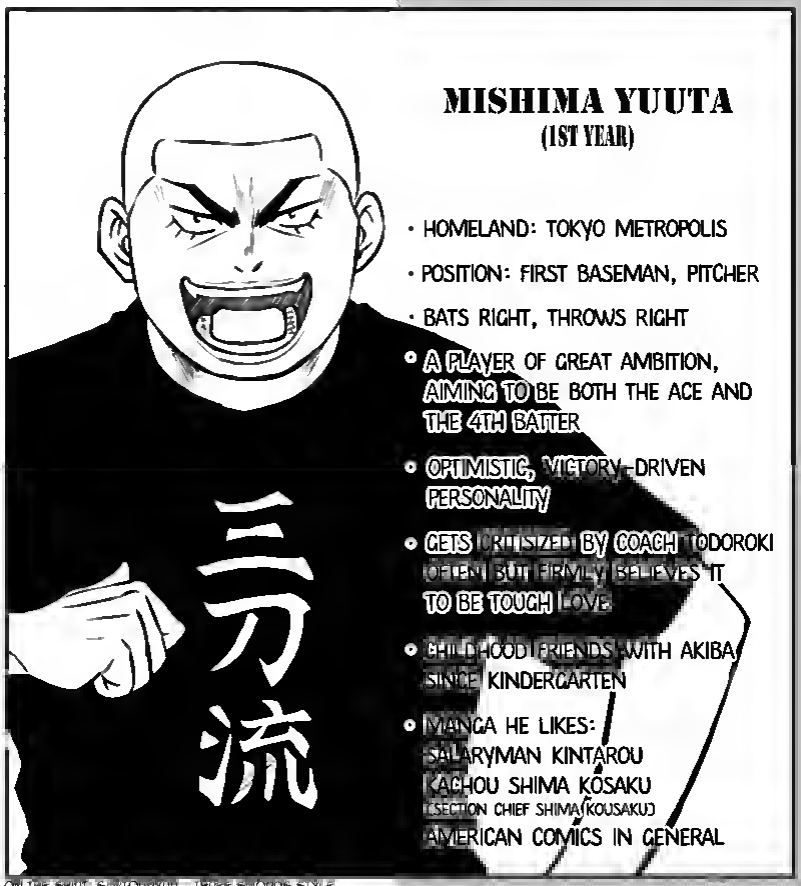

MISHIMA YUUTA
(1ST YEAR)

- HOMELAND: TOKYO METROPOLIS
- POSITION: FIRST BASEMAN, PITCHER
- BATS RIGHT, THROWS RIGHT
- A PLAYER OF GREAT AMBITION, AIMING TO BE BOTH THE ACE AND THE 4TH BATTER
- OPTIMISTIC, VICTORY-DRIVEN PERSONALITY
- GETS CRITISIZED BY COACH TODOROKI OFTEN, BUT FIRMLY BELIEVES IT TO BE TOUGH LOVE
- CHILDHOOD FRIENDS WITH AKIBA SINCE KINDERGARTEN
- MANGA HE LIKES:
  SALARYMAN KINTAROU
  KACHOU SHIMA KOSAKU
  (SECTION CHIEF SHIMA KOUSAKU)
  AMERICAN COMICS IN GENERAL

ON THE SHIRT: SANTOURYUU — THREE SWORDS STYLE
(MEANING "MASTER OF THREE ACTIVITIES" IN HIS CASE, THE ACE, THE 4TH BATTER AND PROBABLY DOING GOOD IN HIS STUDIES)

PITCHER ISHIKAWA MASANORI, THE "LITTLE GIANT" OF TOKYO YAKULT SWALLOWS

IN HIGH SCHOOL, HE HAD QUITE A FEW EXPERIENCES STRAIGHT OUT OF MANGA: WHEN HE WAS A PITCHER FOR BATTING PRACTICE, HE USED IT FOR POLISHING HIS PRECISION AND CONTROL AND SEARCHING FOR PITCH COURSES BATTERS DISLIKED THE MOST, OR HOW HIS THROWING SPEED HAD GONE UP BY 10KMPH AFTER HE WENT THROUGH PAINS OF TEMPERING HIS BODY AS A SECOND YEAR STUDENT.

I THINK YOU WILL SEE THE PIECES OF ADVICE HE OFFERED TO SAWAMURA AS A FELLOW LEFT-HANDED PITCHER PUT TO USE IN MY MANGA SOON ENOUGH (LOL).

ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK HIM FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE VOICE RECORDING FOR THE ANIME!

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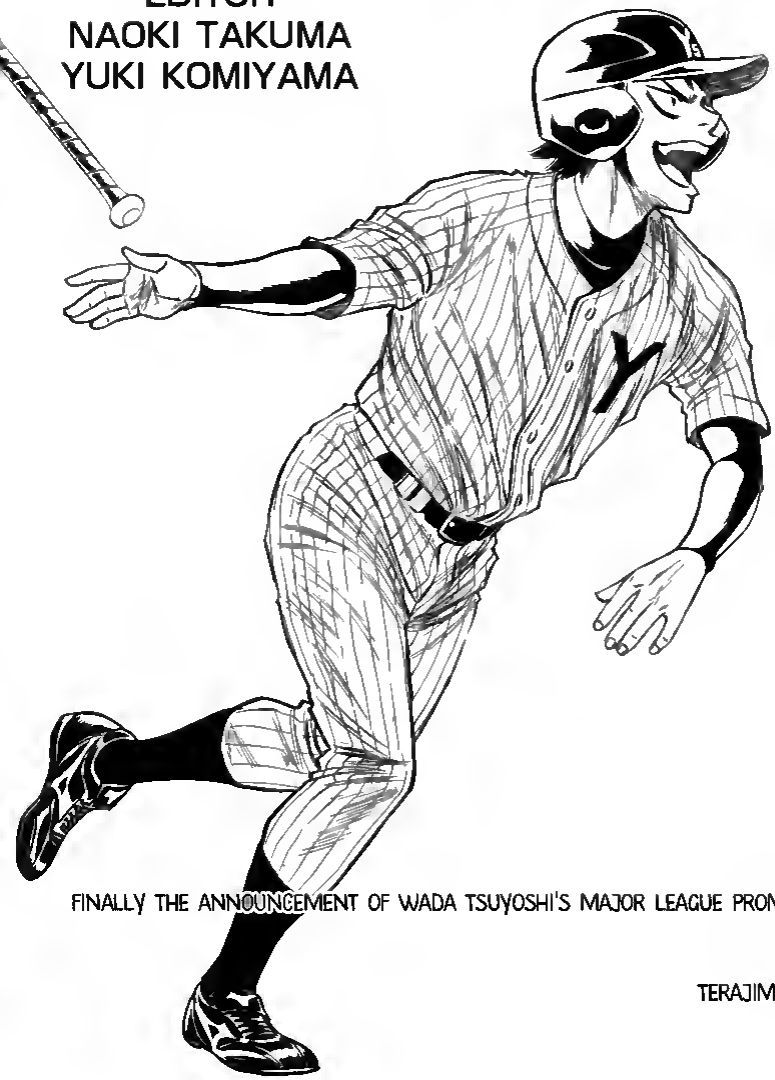

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